

Penalties loom large in 2014 with Affordable Care Act requirements



Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The year 2014 is nearing the end, and many residents are wondering about the requirement to have health insurance or pay a penalty.

“What many people need to know is what options are available to them when it comes to federal health insurance requirements,” said Accounting Manager Chris Dreves.

With the implementation of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), signed by President Barack Obama in 2010, there are several requirements that individuals and families need to know.

The ACA requires every citizen to have health insurance or be forced to pay a penalty, also known as the shared responsibility payment, Dreves said.

But what is not known as frequently is that two options exist for Ho-Chunk people:

1. Obtain health insurance through their employers or on their own through the Health Insurance Marketplace

– or –
2. Claim an exemption for American Indians

– or –
3. Pay the shared responsibility payment.

Exemption forms are available at <https://marketplace.cms.gov/applications-and-forms/tribal-exemption.pdf>

Also, a person can obtain an exemption by filing a federal income tax return using the Internal Revenue Service health coverage exemption form, Dreves said.

The exemption also is available for individuals who are incarcerated (jail or prison) during the year.

Entire families can apply for the exemption and only has to be done once.

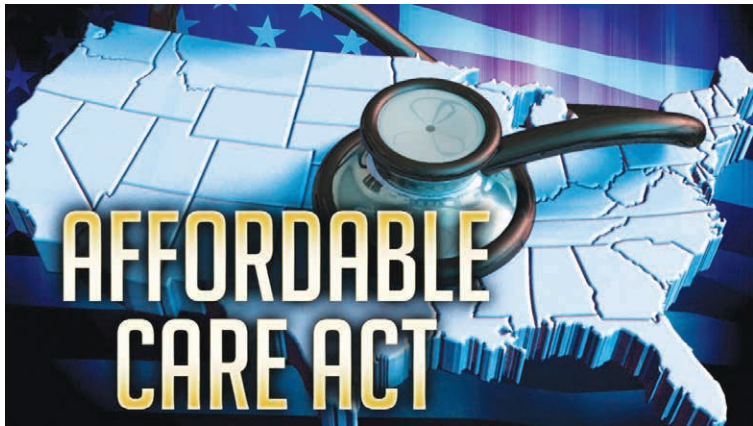
Under the new health care law, everyone is required to maintain essential coverage or pay a fee, Dreves said. Being eligible for Indian Health Services alone does

not meet the essential coverage requirement.

If a Ho-Chunk member has Medicare, Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Veterans Administration Medical Benefits Package, or Tricare, that person is considered covered and won’t have to pay the shared responsibility payment.

If a person has job-based insurance, but he or she wishes to have insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace, that person may do so, but may not qualify for lower costs on premiums based on income.

American Indians and Alaska Natives have access to affordable health care coverage options through the Health Insurance Marketplace. People can purchase insurance or see if they qual-



ify to enroll in Medicaid.

The penalty for not having health care coverage is substantial in 2014. For a person not having health insurance, the higher of two options will be required to be paid on the 2014 federal income tax return, Dreves said. The first option for the penalty is 1 percent of the yearly household income.

The other option is \$95 per adult household member and \$47.50 per child. Maximum penalty for a family is \$285.

Again, the penalty is the higher of the two options. “We just want people to understand their requirements with the ACA and how to comply or how to file for an exemption,” Dreves said.

Project Christmas a little brighter with Ho-Chunk donation

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A \$5,000 check from the Ho-Chunk Nation to Jackson County Project Christmas was given on Thursday, December 18. The Ho-Chunk Nation has contributed to Project Christmas for the last seven years, but has been involved with the

charity for 15 years.

Project Christmas provides needed items during the Christmas season to underprivileged children and families throughout Jackson County.

This year, Ho-Chunk Nation Food Distribution and Youth Services helped out this year.

Food Distribution provided its hand carts last year and this year. New this year, Food Distribution loaned Project Christmas a driver, Andrew Rave, and their delivery truck as well.

The Black River Falls Ho-Chunk Youth Council provided help this year. They and other Youth Service stu-

dents have helped over the past few years. The youth were a huge help all four days and provided the heavy lifting. Their chaperones were right along with them, making the experience fun.

So along with the monetary donation, Ho-Chunk Nation had great participation. This was especially helpful because this year the number of Project Christmas families grew by about 50 all over Jackson County.



Passing a \$5,000 check to Project Christmas are Ho-Chunk representatives Nehomah Thundercloud, Autumn White, Project Christmas Publicity Chairman Charles Buswell, Lila Blackdeer, Susan Waukon, and Maxine Kolner.

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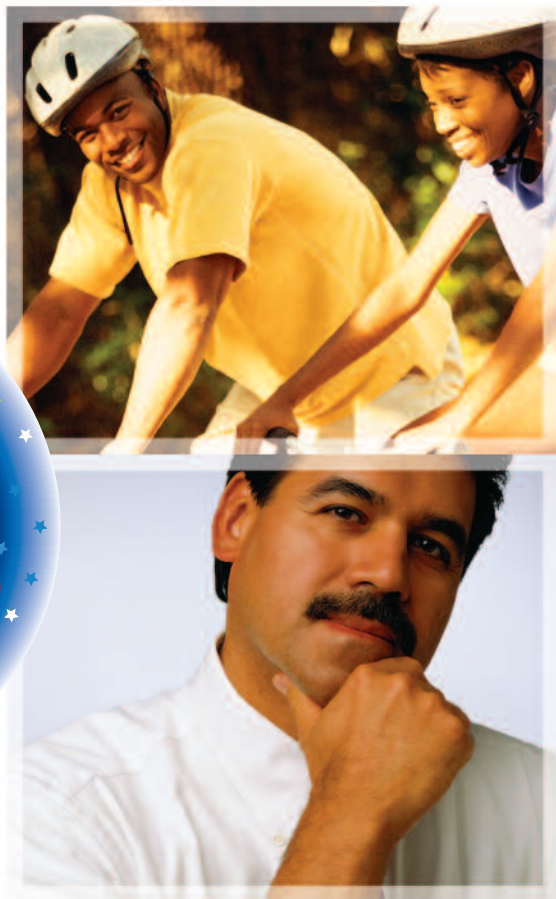
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| Class Schedule | | |
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| Day | Time | Location |
| Weds. January 7th | 2:00-4:00pm | Ho-Chunk Health Care Center |
| Weds. January 14th | 2:00-4:00pm | Ho-Chunk Health Care Center |
| Weds. January 21st | 2:00-4:00pm | Ho-Chunk Health Care Center |
| Weds. January 28th | 2:00-4:00pm | Ho-Chunk Health Care Center |
| Fri. January 30th | 2:00-4:00pm | Ho-Chunk Health Care Center |
| Weds. February 4th | 2:00-4:00pm | Ho-Chunk Health Care Center |
| Weds. February 11th | 2:00-4:00pm | Ho-Chunk Health Care Center |
| Weds. February 18th | 2:00-4:00pm | Ho-Chunk Health Care Center |

Holiday door decorating contest held at clinic



Becky Shawley's, Have a Magical Holiday, won second place at the door decorating competition.

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

Though the outside of the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Care Clinic appears to be normal, upon entering the building a very different setting appears.

Like busy, little elves, the health care staff decorated their doors for the holidays. Even though the staff shared the spirit of Christmas, they also wanted to compete for prize money.

"An entry fee was required to participate in the contest and was the prize money awarded to three winners," said Penny Salsman, the originator of the contest.

Salsman has coordinated the competition for the last two years. She said she enjoys the holiday season and wanted to give everyone the opportunity

to express their holiday cheer.

The first place winners, Erin Rave, Tiffany Youngthunder and Emmalee Decorah, decorated the Patient Registration door.

"What was good about our decorating project, it didn't cost us a cent," said Rave.

"The Santa in our display is Tiffany's pants and her father's shoes. We already have an idea and plans for next year's contest."

The second place award went to Becky Shawley, Office Manager. As part of her display, she is in a magical, snowy scene with her favorite snow person.

The third place winner, Penny Ybarra, had unique inspiration for her door decorating theme.

She said she liked the song, A Marshmallow World sung by Raul Malo, the lead singer of the Mavericks. The marshmallow characters and wreath decorated her door from top to bottom.



Santa's strategic pose, wins first place for the Patient Registration staff.

Home for the Holidays?

Check in on Your Loved Ones

It's the holiday season when many families gather for special foods, traditions, and time together. The holidays are also an ideal time to observe and reflect on whether elders and family members with disabilities might benefit from home and community-based services (HCBS). You may notice safety hazards in the person's home, or see your loved one displaying new physical or mental symptoms, uncertain driving skills, or problems taking medications--these are all indicators that HCBS might be a useful resource.

Remember to check in with family caregivers who might benefit from respite care, too!

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855-659-8820 or 715-284-7749



Taking third place, A Marshmallow World, was created by Penny Ybarra at the Health Clinic.

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Lela had a cold two weeks ago. Lela's grandmother did the right things. She made sure the child received plenty of rest and fluids... Grandmother knew that giving the child antibiotics would not be smart.

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Germes called viruses cause colds and the flu

Antibiotics do not fight viruses

Antibiotics fight germes called bacteria

What Is An Antibiotic?

An antibiotic is a medicine that destroys bacteria. Antibiotics have many different names such as amoxicillin and azithromycin.

BE SMART

Antibiotics Will Not Help a Cold or the Flu.

For more information talk with your healthcare provider, call 1-800-CDC-INFO or go to www.cdc.gov/getsmart

Wishing you and your family a festive Christmas holiday and healthy New Year!

Ho-Chunk Nation – Health Department

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Jan. 9 which will be published on Jan. 16th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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Joanne Whiterabbit is the new Executive Director Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce

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On October 27, 2014, Ho-Chunk tribal member, Joanne Whiterabbit was hired as the Executive Director for the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce

Whiterabbit has been active in the Indian community as Vice President/Community Development with Woodlands National Bank, owned by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

Her priorities while holding the position at the bank included home ownership and economic development on and off the reservation.

“During the six years at Woodlands National Bank, it became evident



A painting of a modern day warrior, as depicted by artist Bunky Echo-Hawk at the Awards Banquet held at Mystic Lake on December 5.

that there are many opportunities to expand economic development activities within Indian country. Hence, the move from Woodlands National Bank to the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce,” said Whiterabbit.

“As executive director, I believe in the opportunity for native and tribally owned businesses to work together, create opportunities on the reservation and provide leadership to help these businesses succeed.”

One of Joanne’s first tasks as the executive director was to plan the 27th Annual Awards Banquet. The event was held at Mystic Lake Casino in Shakopee, Minnesota on December 5.

The banquet hosted over 450 people to celebrate the American Indian entrepreneurial spirit and to give recognition of business excellence throughout the American Indian business community.

The award winners and awards presented at the banquet described by Whiterabbit include:

The Eagle Award-presented to the Bois Forte Band Chippewa. The eagle strives high and has the ability to see the big and the little things it needs to sustain itself. It has the vision to see the whole picture and the ability to communicate that vision to others.

The Buffalo Award-presented to the Red Lake Nation. The buffalo is the giver and the provider for the whole community, knowing that all parts provide something for our people.

The Bear Award-presented to the Lower Sioux Indian Community. The Bear is the warrior who is given strength and power to protect our people.

The Turtle Award-presented to Jack-

ie Dionne. The turtle is the constant giver, with longevity and wisdom.

The Spirit of the People Award-presented to the Tiwahe Foundation. People coming together to promote and utilize the gifts of individuals and organizations to enhance, heal and strengthen our Indian communities.

The Scholarship Award-presented to John Boyd who is currently attending Augsburg College and is a member of the Red Lake Nation.

This year’s banquet included motivational speaker Joe Schmit, author of Silent Impact, and a live art performance by Bunky Echo-Hawk.

His unique style of artwork started with a blank canvas. As he talked to the audience and learned more about the chamber, Echo-Hawk became inspired as to what he would paint.

His painting was a warrior going into battle, in the business world. The warrior wore a business suit, but had war paint on his face and feathers in his hair, like he was going into battle the traditional way.

The artist said he is proud of natives educating themselves, representing themselves in a good way and being recognized in the world today. He said he was inspired to paint natives in business suits, representing their tribes and their companies. The end product depicts a modern day warrior.

Echo-hawk’s creation was auctioned at the end of the evening as a fundraiser for the chamber.

“Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation who attended the banquet were Robert TwoBears, Forrest Whiterabbit and Kathyleen Whiterabbit. They attended to celebrate the new partnership with the Minnesota Swarm a long time MAICC member,” said Whiterabbit.



The new Executive Director of the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce, Joanne Whiterabbit, looks forward to connecting resources within the Native American business community.

“The 3 year partnership with Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin, provides exclusive naming rights during Swarm home games.”

The Swarm’s home playing field will be referred to as the Ho-Chunk Nation Field at Xcel Energy Center according to Whiterabbit. Appropriately enough, the Ho-Chunk gaming logo will be on the Swarm jerseys and the Ho-Chunk Nation is the sponsor for the annual Native American Heritage Night on February 6, 2015, when they face the Rochester Knighthawks.

“The awards banquet evening was a huge success and the opportunity to see friends and network with business colleagues is always the highlight of the evening,” said Whiterabbit.

Elders celebrate a Merry Christmas at the TAU

Ken Luchterhand, Staff Writer

Elders at the Tribal Aging Unit in Black River Falls were treated to a Christmas celebration on Wednesday, December 17.

After a meal, elders played Bingo for prizes and then received presents from beneath the Christmas tree. However, Santa Claus was not available to hand out the presents this year because he was feeling ill.

Despite the lack of Mr. Claus to pump everyone up, the celebration went on to created many smiles upon the faces of the elders.



Comment period open for Criminal Code

Submitted by Carolyn Grzelak, Chief Communications Officer, HC Legislature

The Criminal Code Workgroup has been working over the past several months on drafting a Criminal Code for the Nation. Interest in a Criminal Code has been expressed with in the Nation over the past few years by community members and staff. On December 17, 2013, a Criminal Code Workgroup was established by the Legislature. The intent of the Criminal Code is to protect the health, safety and well-being of the Nation's members, its communities and the Nation by allowing the Nation to exercise its sovereignty in criminal matters. In addition, the Nation's Criminal Code has been drafted to allow the Nation to address those situations that are not acted on by the State/county and to empower the Nation to protect itself and its members rather than relying on the State.

The Nation's ability for the Criminal Code to have an impact was greatly increased

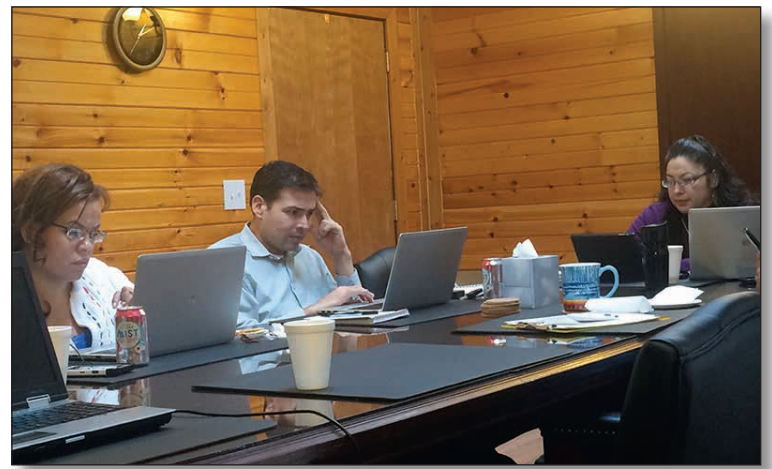
by the recent enactment of the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA). The TLOA was passed in 2010 to give tribes greater sentencing ability in criminal cases. The Indian Civil Rights Act (ICRA) had limited tribal sentencing to 1 year imprisonment and \$5000.00. The TLOA amended the ICRA by increasing this authority to 3 years imprisonment and \$15,000.00. Of course this is



still a great restriction on the Nation's inherent sovereignty, but none the less it allows tribes to have a greater impact on and control over the criminal activity that is occurring within their communities and on their lands. This increased sentencing authority has restrictions regarding what types of crimes it applies to and requires procedures to be in place to ensure due process for defendants.

The Workgroup chose to base the Nation's Criminal Code on the Wisconsin Criminal Code. It reviewed the Wisconsin Criminal Code and decided what was inapplicable to the Nation and what changes it wanted to make. The Workgroup kept the citations in the Ho-Chunk Criminal Code the same as those in the Wisconsin Criminal Code to make it easier for law enforcement, staff, courts and coordinating state agencies to use. The punitive limitations that the ICRA and the TLOA have placed on tribes and the additional due process requirements have also been incorporated into the Criminal Code to allow the Nation to have the greatest impact.

Given the limitations that the federal government has placed on tribes regarding criminal activity on their lands and of its members, the Criminal Code has been drafted to allow the Nation to exercise the fullest authority under the law with respect to jurisdiction and sentencing authority. However, these limitations also mean that the



Members of the Criminal Code Workgroup from left to right: D3 Aide/Criminal Code Workgroup Recording Secretary Tara Swallow, Rep. Henning Garvin and Vice-President Heather Cloud, working at the Criminal Code Workgroup meeting on December 16, 2014.

Criminal Code is not meant as an exclusive alternative to State and federal criminal jurisdiction.

The Criminal Code was presented to the Administration Committee on December 11, 2014 at which time a motion was made to refer it to the full Legislature to be placed out for 45 day public comment. At the January 6, 2015 Legis-

lative Session, the Workgroup will be seeking to place the Criminal Code out for 45 day public comment. Information about the Criminal Code will also be presented at all area meetings in January. To comment on the Code, please submit your questions or comments in person, online, over the phone, or by mail.

Department of Labor provides safety training for employees and tribal members

On December 10th and 11th, 2014 Jeff Skinner, Occupational Safety and Health Officer for the HCN Department of Labor, Division of Safety provided an OSHA 10 hour General Industry training for employees of Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells.

Topics included, but were not limited to, Introduction to OSHA, Globally Harmonized System (GHS), hazardous material storage, and workplace violence. Students were encouraged to actively participate during this training, and they were able to relate to the

information being presented.

Jeff has been an authorized OSHA Outreach Instructor since 2008, and has taught many employees and members of the Ho-Chunk Nation. He feels that by providing this training, our employees can ensure they have a safe workplace, and Tribal members can gain some knowledge that they may need in order to gain employment.

The Department of Labor, Division of Safety provides several different trainings, including First Aid CPR, Powered Industrial Trucks, and ergonomics. If interested in receiving training, you can contact Jeff at 1-800- 294-9343 x1150 for more information.



Ho-Chunk Nation Occupational Safety and Health Officer Jeff Skinner has taught training since 2008

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls donates to Unmet Needs Program

Submitted by Tris Harris Senior Manager-Public Relations, HCG-BRF

On November 23rd, 2014, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls held a concert with BLACKHAWK, featuring the Outlaws. \$5 of every ticket sold went to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Unmet Needs Program for families of deployed Veterans.

This is the sixth year that Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls has supported the Unmet Needs Program. Last year, we decided to combine a great concert with a portion of ticket sales to go to Unmet Needs and since the concert was sold out, we were able to make a \$3000 donation and for the second year in a row! Ho-Chunk Gaming Executive Manager Greg Garvin presented the \$3000 contribution check this year to Gene Hatfield of Burger King and the Unmet Needs Program at

the concert.

The Unmet Needs program gives immediate financial help to the local families of deployed military service members of up to \$2500. They help with car payments, electric bills, vehicle repairs, home repairs, and most of their funds go towards rent and mortgage payments.

We thank all of the concert attendees and want them to know that a portion of their ticket is going to support the families of those that devote their lives to serving our Country. This gives the soldiers a little piece of mind that their families back here are getting the help they need. For information about the Unmet Needs Program go online to www.unmetneeds.org Thank you for joining us for a fun way to show our appreciation to our Military members by enjoying a concert from BLACKHAWK and the Outlaws!



L-R: Greg Garvin, EM of HCG-BRF and Gene Hatfield of BK and Unmet Needs.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL:
President Jon Greendeer (P)
Vice President Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Susan Waukon (P)
Rep. Lori Pettibone (P)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. David Greendeer (P)
Rep. Henning Garvin (P)
Rep. Darren Brinegar (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)
Rep. Matt Mullen (P)
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears (P)

VP Heather Cloud via conference call.
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
Quorum is established.

OPENING PRAYER: Moment of silence by Libby Fairchild.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the agenda, with striking Under New Business - GCA Requested Discussion Re: Court Dismissal Issue; moving GCA to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 8-4(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, VP Heather Cloud)-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Legislative Meeting – November 4, 2014
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the November 4, 2014 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-2(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Henning Garvin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Administration – November 6, 2014
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to approve the November 6, 2014 Administration Committee meeting minutes, with correction. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.12-0-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Economic Diversification (Standing Agenda Item) Rep. Matt Mullen
The Ad Hoc Search Committee will be meeting scheduled for December 8, 2014, in Madison at Whyte, Hirschboeck, Dudek.

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to amend the agenda to add Under New Resolution- Authorization to Place Ho-Chunk Nation Business Department Establishment Act Out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by VP Heather Cloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Lynwood (Standing Agenda Item)
William Lowe
Written report was provided for review, dated November 12, 2014.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to move Lynwood (Standing Agenda Item) to Development Committee for reporting purposes. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Department of Business – Third Party Outsourcing (Standing Agenda Item)
James Webster

A written report was provided by James Webster, HCG-Dells Executive Manager, dated October 28, 2014.

Resolution-11-18-14 A, Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Per Capita Distribution Ordinance, Adopting General Amendments and Financial Literacy Requirement with the effective date of 2017.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to adopt *Resolution 11-18-14A, Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Per Capita Distribution Ordinance, Adopting General Amendments and with the Financial Literacy Requirement, with an effective date of 2017, and language regarding the release of funds.* Second by Rep. Henning Garvin.7-5(VP Heather Cloud, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. Andrea Estebo) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit requests that Legislative Counsel, Mike Murphy and Communications Officer, Arvina Martin work together to prepare information for the Tribal Newsletter, detailing the progress to date and what changes have taken place. Also, for the tribal membership to have an opportunity to review the information.

Amendment to the Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to hear New Business B. Hoocak First Immersion Day Care. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution – 11-18-14 B, Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education Supporting the Creation of the Hoocak E Coni Day Care Center- Adrienne Thunder

MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to adopt *Resolution 11-18-14 B, Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education Supporting the Creation of the Hoocak E Coni Day Care Center.* Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 7-2(Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. Darren Brinegar)-4(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Susan Waukon, Rep. Greg Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda:
MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to amend the agenda to hear New Business, Item J. Resolution-Healing to Wellness Court Code. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-11-18-14 C, Enactment of the Healing to Wellness Court Code (4 HCC § 15)

MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to adopt *Resolution 11-18-14 C, Enactment of the Healing to Wellness Court Code (4 HCC § 15).* Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer 10-0-1(Rep. Robert Two Bears) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. Darren Brinegar out of the room.

PRESENTATION:
Transit Feasibility (Update Project Process & Request for focused direction)-Heather Rebedew, Jason Valerius, MSA.

The goal of the Ho-Chunk Nation Transit Study is to evaluate the feasibility of public transit services that could enhance the mobility of the dispersed Ho-Chunk population in eight-county study area including Jackson, Sauk, Juneau, Wood, Monroe, La Crosse, Shawano, and Eau Claire Counties. The study identifies the needs of Nation members and existing services, transportation options have been identified and recommendations offered, including preliminary implementation steps.

RECESS FOR LUNCH:
MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to recess for lunch at 12:06 p.m. for one hour. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 10-2(Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Susan Waukon)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

CALL TO ORDER: VP Heather Cloud called the meeting to order at 1:13p.m.

ROLL CALL:
President Jon Greendeer (E)
Vice President Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Susan Waukon (P)
Rep. Lori Pettibone (P)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. David Greendeer (P)
Rep. Henning Garvin (P)
Rep. Darren Brinegar (1:17 p.m.)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (1:16 p.m.)
Rep. Matt Mullen (1:19 p.m.)
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (1:19 p.m.)
Rep. Robert TwoBears (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
Quorum is established.

Amendment to the Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to amend the agenda to hear GCA in Open Session after the Godfrey Kahn Presentation. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 9-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Darren Brinegar arrives at 1:17 p.m.
Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit arrive at 1:19 p.m.
Godfrey Kahn Presentation – Brian Pierson
Brian Pierson, provided a presentation on an overview and potential role on the Nation’s Economic Development Legal Team.

GCA Requested Discussion Re: Court Dismissal Issue-Rep. Matt Mullen:
Marvin Decorah, GCA Chairman, GCA Attorney John Swimmer and members of the General Council Agency was present to discuss Case No. 12 CF 217 with the Legislature.

NEW BUSINESS:
Resolution-11-18-14 D, In Support of Head Start Grant Application.

Rep. Henning Garvin out of the room
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt *Resolution 11-18-14 D, In Support of Head Start Grant Application.*

Second by Rep. Susan Waukon 6-2(Rep. Robert TwoBears, VP Heather Cloud)-3 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree Whiterabbit, Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to amend the agenda to re-visit the GCA Dismissal Case. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-2 (Rep. Darren Brinegar, VP Heather Cloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION (1st):
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 6-2(Rep. Robert Two Bears, Rep. Greg Blackdeer)-5(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Susan Waukon, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Shelby Visintin, VP Heather Cloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Time: 2:10 p.m.

Open Session:
MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to go back into open session. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-2 (VP Heather Cloud, Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-11-18-14 E, Approve and Enact the Agricultural Leasing Code Pursuant to the Hearth Act Rescind and

Restate Resolution 12-17-13 E.
MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to adopt *Resolution-11-18-14 E, Approve and Enact the Agricultural Leasing Code Pursuant to the Hearth Act Rescind and Restate Resolution 12-17-13 E.* Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-11-18-14 F, Approve and Enact the Business Leasing Code Pursuant to the Hearth Act Rescind and Restate Resolution 12-17-13 F.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to adopt *Resolution-11-18-14 F, Approve and Enact the Business Leasing Code Pursuant to the Hearth Act Rescind and Restate Resolution 12-17-13 F.* Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-11-18-14 G, Approve and Enact the Residential Leasing Code Pursuant to the Hearth Act Rescind and Restate Resolution 12-17-13 G.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to adopt *Resolution-11-18-14 G, Approve and Enact the Residential Leasing Code Pursuant to the Hearth Act Rescind and Restate Resolution 12-17-13 G.* Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-2 (Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Henning Garvin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-11-18-14H, Classification & Compensation Wage Guide Rescission of Resolution 03-18-14S and Restatement.

NOTE: *Exception only for the Department of Health staff providing direct patient care and who are under contract to the Nation (referred to as preferred contract) to receive salary increases pursuant to the terms of their executed contracts.*

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adopt *Resolution 11-18-14 H, Classification & Compensation Wage Guide Rescission of Resolution 03-18-14S and Restatement.* Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin 12-1(VP Heather Cloud)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-11-18-14 I, Amendment to the Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) Regarding Ho-Chunk Nation Holidays.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt *Resolution 11-18-14 I, Amendment to the Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) Regarding Ho-Chunk Nation Holidays.* Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. 5-8(VP Heather Cloud, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Robert Two Bears, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Resolution-11-18-14 J, Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department and Jackson County Health and Human Services for Response to Communicable Disease. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin.
Rep. Henning Garvin WITHDRAWS SECOND.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adopt *Resolution 11-18-14 J, Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department and Jackson County Health and Human Services for Response to Communicable Disease.* Second by Rep. Susan Waukon.4-7(Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, VP Heather Cloud)-1 (Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION DEFEATED.**
Rep. Shelby Visintin out of the room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (2nd):
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to back into open session. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Time: 3:14p.m.

Rep. Susan Waukon, Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit out of the room.
Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department and Jackson County Health and Human Services for Response to Communicable Disease.

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Departmetn and Jackson County Health and Human Services for Response to Communicable Disease. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin.

Rep. David Greendeer WITHDRAWS MOTION, SECOND CONCURS.

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to table the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department and Jackson County Health and Human Services for Response to Communicable Disease. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Note: This was not designated as 11-18-14 K.
Resolution-11-18-14 K, Approval

of the CY2015 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt Resolution 11-18-14 K, Approval of the CY2015 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-11-18-14 L, Approval of the CY2015 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Juneau County.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt Resolution 11-18-14 L, Approval of the CY2015 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Juneau County. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-11-18-14 M, Approval of the CY2015 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt Resolution 11-18-14 M, Approval of the CY2015 County/ Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-11-18-14 N, Approval of the CY2015 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Sauk County.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt Resolution 11-18-14 N, Approval of the CY2015 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Sauk County. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-11-18-14 O, Approval of the CY2015 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt Resolution 11-18-14 O, Approval of the CY2015 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-11-18-14 P, Approval of the CY2015 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt Resolution 11-18-14 P, Approval of the CY2015 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Amendment to the Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to amend the agenda to add the Resolution- Approval of Application for CY2015 State/Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program Application. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-11-18-14 Q, Approval of Application for CY2015 State/Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 11-18-14 Q, Approval of the CY2015 State/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement Grant Program. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**
Resolution-Confirmation of Dodie Topping as District 3 Ethics Review Board Member.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to table the Resolution-Confirmation of Dodie Topping as District 3 Ethics Review Board Member. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-11-18-14 R, Authorization to Place Ho-Chunk Nation Business Department Establishment Act out for Forty-Five day Public Comment.

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adopt Resolution 11-18-14 R, Authorization to Place Ho-Chunk Nation Business Department Establishment Act out for Forty-Five day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lori Pettibone out of the room.

DISTRICT MEETINGS:
District 1-Black River Falls Area Meeting:

READ FOR THE RECORD:
MOTION by Cari Roesch to support the Jackson County Law Enforcement Agreement with the Ho-Chunk Nation for 2015.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Cecelia Kraus to donate \$500 toward the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource’s ‘Shiner Flight’ with the funds to come from the Government to Government line item. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer to GCA the MOTION by Cari Roesch to ensure that the General Council Agency (GCA) begin to have their meetings by a webinar instead of the GCA members traveling and receiving mileage, stipends, and hotel rooms; mileage would just be covered from their home to the branch office. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. 11-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer to GCA the MOTION by Sandi Blackdeer that GCA still keep their quarterly meetings with the delegates and alternates be held at Ho-Chunk Gaming-

Wisconsin Dells. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon 11-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer to the Election Board the MOTION by Sandi Blackdeer for a breakdown of mileage, and stipends received by Election Board Delegates to be brought back to the December area meeting, that Election Board meetings be held via webinar, and that meetings with the Election Board Delegates and Alternates be held quarterly. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer to OOP the MOTION by Leland Bird that the District 1 Representatives for the various boards and committees start attending the Area Meetings and providing reports. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
District 2- La Crosse Area Meeting:
No motions.

District 2- Madison Area Meeting:
READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Saresa Ryckman for Legislature to provide clear definition of exempt and no-exempt status within the Employee Relations Act (ERA).

READ FOR THE RECORD:
MOTION by Saresa Ryckman that Legislature apply the automatic 30% flex increase upon hiring for tribal members with postsecondary degrees and for tribal members who meet minimum qualifications.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to OOP the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman that Legislature look into legalities of exempt employees punching in and out. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to OOP the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle that GCA meet with the HCN President to set a date for 2015 General Council Meeting. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to support the allocation of funds for the Mauston GCA delegate/alternate in accordance with the approved 2014 General Council resolution. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle that the Madison area support the motion by GCA to request the HCN Legislature approve the budget modification of \$33,000 for the additional funds that had to be allocated from the General Council budget FY 2015 to cover the cost of the additional tribal members that attended the 2014 General Council meeting. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Administration Committee the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman that all governmental standard operating procedures (SOP’s) be approved by the HCN Legislature. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert Two Bears, Rep. Susan Waukon out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Ethics Review Board the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to remove Karen Martin, the Madison Ethics Review Board Delegate. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 5-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-3(Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. David Greendeer, VP Heather Cloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2- Tomah Area Meeting:
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to confirm Priscilla Cleveland to the Education Board of Directors. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Wittenberg Area Meeting:
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to accept Myrna Littlewolf as the Wittenberg Election Board Delegate. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to appoint Cici Antone as the Wittenberg Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the OOP the MOTION by Lorenzo Funnmaker to have a report in December by the HCN DNR of the agricultural leases in the Wittenberg Area. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the OOP and HHCDa the MOTION by Miriam Johnson to have both Housing Directors: Neil Whitegull and Myra Price present at the December Wittenberg Area Meeting. To have President Greendeer to direct Myra Price, Executive Director of Housing be present to address the Housing needs and bring the current Housing guidelines. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to

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The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation’s newsletter and on the Nation’s website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant’s name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. There will be an exemption for adoptions. Pursuant to Wisconsin and other States’ Laws certain information will be neither published nor released. **This determination may be appealed to the Committee on Tribal Enrollment (contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment) by any adult (18 years and older) enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes Notice of Eligibility for Membership. EOPUB09262014**

| APPLICANT NAME | DATE OF BIRTH | BLOOD QUANTUM | ANCESTOR | FATHER | MOTHER |
|---|---------------|---------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| CASH, David William | 04/30/2013 | 1/4 | Na Xi Xu Nu Nik Kah John Paul White Eagle Sr. 1901-00017 | Non-Native | Non-Member |
| CLARK, Tristen Tom | 04/12/2013 | 47/128 | Cha Wak Che Xe Kah Will Greendeer 1901-00080 | Non-Member | Kayla C. Cleveland |
| CLARK, Teagen Lilly | 04/12/2013 | 47/128 | Cha Wak Che Xe Kah Will Greendeer 1901-00080 | Non-Member | Kayla C. Cleveland |
| CLAYTON, Dylan Ray | 02/29/1972 | 1/4 | Hump E Chunk Kah Charley Blackcoon 1901-00191 | Non-Member | Angela G. Larson |
| DECORAH, Abbie Renee | 01/07/2014 | 121/256 | Hoonk Mon E Kah (Walking Chief) EdW. Decorra 1901-00254 | Non-Native | Summer R. Decorah |
| FUNMAKER, Dannika Emmaline | 11/10/2012 | 1/4 | Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker Sr. 1881-00328 | Dixon H. Funmaker | Jessica L. Cloud |
| GARVIN, Ventley Leon | 08/03/2013 | 3/4 | Cha Shep Kah Blackdeer 1881-00174 | Larry V. Garvin, II | Melissa A. Youngthunder |
| GOODBEAR, Taya Lauren | 04/14/2014 | 1/4 | Do Sha Na Ska Kah Ray Goodbear 1901-00083 | Cody T. Goodbear | Non-Member |
| HERNANDEZ, Amadeus Lee | 10/31/2009 | 1/4 | Ma Na Pay Na Shin Kah Paul Spear (Charley) Smith 1901-00581 | Non-Indian | Shawntel Zarate |
| HERNANDEZ,Jaszmine Rose Anastasia | 12/26/2006 | 1/4 | Ma Na Pay Na Shin Kah Paul Spear (Charley) Smith 1901-00581 | Non-Indian | Shawntel Zarate |
| HILL, Isla Kristine | 06/04/2013 | 1/4 | Na he Kah or No Ro Ho Kah John Thompson Sr. 1901-00631 | Anthony A. Crow | Non-Native |
| HOPINKAH, Destin Curage-Malachim | 05/24/2010 | 121/256 | Hoonk Mon E Kah (Walking Chief) EdW. Decorra 1901-00254 | Non-Native | Summer R. Decorah |
| JAIMES BENITEZ, Aidan Mik-Col | 03/30/2005 | 1/4 | Ha Ca Ke Shu Ka Kah Oscar Deer 1910-00367 | Non-Native | Anna M. Jaimes Benitez |
| JAIMES BENITEZ, Payton Lee | 12/16/2009 | 1/4 | Ha Ca Ke Shu Ka Kah Oscar Deer 1910-00367 | Non-Native | Anna M. Jaimes Benitez |
| JAIMES BENITEZ, Skylar Camilo | 07/12/2007 | 1/4 | Ha Ca Ke Shu Ka Kah Oscar Deer 1910-00367 | Non-Native | Anna M. Jaimes Benitez |
| JOHNSON-WINNESHIEK, Brighton Kennith | 02/01/2013 | 79/256 | Wau Kon Chaw Jho Noo Kah (Little Thunder) Frank Winneshiek 1881-00395 | Damon C. Winneshiek | Non-Native |
| LEWIS, Kendrick Brave | 04/11/2011 | 15/32 | Wau Shin Ga Sa Gah | Kenneth W. Lewis | Brittany C. Cloud |
| LITTLE WOLF, Maximus Jared | 11/27/2012 | 1/2 | Shunk Chunk Nik Kah Edward John Littlewolf 1901-01093 | Non-Indian | Susanna L. Littlewolf |
| LITTLEWOLF, Martin Luther | 06/18/2012 | 1/2 | Shunk Chunk Nik Kah Edward John Littlewolf 1901-01093 | Martin L. Littlewolf, III | Non-Indian |
| MARTZ, Elijah Mortimore | 10/15/2005 | 1/4 | Jim Whitebear 1881-00522 | Non-Native | Amber D. Price |
| MARTZ, Jesse Jane | 05/21/2009 | 1/4 | Jim Whitebear 1881-00522 | Non-Native | Amber D. Price |
| MARTZ, Josie Kate | 09/06/2007 | 1/4 | Jim Whitebear 1881-00522 | Non-Native | Amber D. Price |
| MC INNES, Jonathan Buffalo | 01/13/2013 | 1/4 | Wauk Chun Kah Billy Whiterabbit 1901-00480 | Non-Native | Emily Mc Innes |
| MENDEZ, Theresa Lynn | 10/13/1969 | 1/4 | John C Frisk Cloud 1901-0150 | Non-Native | Inez M. Lizotte |
| NEWMAN, Railin Reese | 01/09/2009 | 1/4 | Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker Sr. 1881-00328 | Non-native | Rachel H. Mendoza |
| PRICE, Carson Floyd | 10/09/2012 | 1/4 | Jim Whitebear 1881-00522 | Non-Native | Amber D. Price |
| PRICE, Jason Dean | 10/13/2011 | 1/4 | Jim Whitebear 1881-00522 | Non-Native | Amber D. Price |
| RODRIQUEZ, Alejandro Guadalupe | 09/27/1997 | 1/2 | George Winneshiek 1881-00432 | Non-Native | Tricia R. Stabler |
| SAUL, Ashlynn Janette | 10/27/2012 | 5/8 | Monk Shootch Kah (Red Breast) Peter Pettibone 1881-00582 | Non-Member | Ariell P. E. Pettibone |
| SAUL, Nilynn Nakayla | 02/24/2011 | 5/8 | Monk Shootch Kah (Red Breast) Peter Pettibone 1881-00582 | Non-Member | Ariell P. E. Pettibone |
| SMITH, Ivel Nacgep | 12/08/2012 | 1/2 | Chau Zap Kah Blackdeer 1881-00174 | Non-Member | Quincy S. Garvin |
| SMITH, Amireo Earl | 04/30/2011 | 1/4 | Ma Na Pay Na Shin Kah Paul Spear (Charley) smith 1901-00581 | Non-Indian | Shawntel Zarate |
| THUNDER, Eric Gordon | 03/15/2012 | 9/16 | Wah Qua Ho Pin Kah Henry Thunder 1881-00129 | William J. Thunder | Jolyn M. Beighley |
| WALKER, Adria Rose | 12/07/212 | 1/4 | Wa Con Cha Cho Nee Kah William Decorie 1881-00486 | Alan L. Walker | Non-Member |
| WARE, II Leon Eugene | 05/19/2013 | 7/16 | Neige Ah Me Nunk Kah Peter Rockman 1901-01112 | Non-Indian | Destinee R. Link |
| YOUNGTHUNDER, Leland John | 03/31/2013 | 1/4 | War Con Jar Nick Nic Kaw Youngthunder 1881-00090 | Non-Indian | Katie M. Youngthunder |
| ZARATE, Giovani | 02/21/2014 | 1/4 | Ma Na Pay Na Shin Kah Paul Spear (Charley) Smith 1901-00581 | Non-Indian | Shawntel Zarate |

I, Rita Gardner /s/, Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above that the above Eligibility List is an accurate presentation of enrollment applications reviewed and processed by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Signed and dated this 19th day of December, 2014.

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refer to HHCDa the MOTION by Alana Littlewolf to have HHCDa develop one and two bedroom housing units, Wittenberg Area. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to HHCDa the MOTION by Cici Antone to have HHCDa develop 4 or 5 bedroom housing units in Wittenberg. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-1 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to GCA the MOTION by Miriam Johnson that GCA members be denied the trip to Las Vegas in December 9-12, 2014. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**
District 3- Wisconsin Rapids Area Meeting:
READ FOR THE RECORD:
MOTION by Celena Twinn to support the D3 Restricted Housing Resolution as passed by Legislature.
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the OOP the MOTION by Hope Smith to have a Branch Office in the

Chak-Hah-Chee Community Building. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
District 3-Green Bay Area Meeting:
No motions.
District 4-Milwaukee Area Meeting:
MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to appoint Heather Schulz to the Health Board. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Susan Waukon returns.
District 5- Chicago Area Meeting:
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Mr. Whitewing says that the findings of the Lynwood Project investigation be released immediately through a direct mailing or newspaper. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**
District 5- Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Meeting:
MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to refer the Anishinabe Wakiagun (American Indian Community Development Corporation) charitable contribution request of \$5,000 to the Legislative Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 13-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to appoint Rhonda Hunt as Alternate

to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to refer to GCA the MOTION by Curtis West to elect Rosetta Hunt as the Area 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul General Council Agency’s representative. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to refer to OOP the MOTION by Craig Lone Tree to request the meeting minutes from the July 2014 Veterans Advisory Board’s meeting, and/or recordings so the Area 5 Minneapolis/ St. Paul tribal members can make a better informed decision regarding the Tribal Veterans Services Officer’s request of removing the area’s elected board representative. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to refer to OOP the MOTION by Danielle DeLong for the Veteran’s Advisory Board to not act on the motion from the Chicago’s area meeting regarding removal of the elected Board Representative until the Area 5 Minneapolis/ St. Paul metro area tribal members make a decision on how to proceed. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen 13-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**
District 1- Black River Falls Concern:
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to

amend previous motion, refer to OOP the MOTION by Sandi Blackdeer for a breakdown of mileage, hotels, and stipends received by Election Board Delegates to be brought back to the December area meeting, that Election Board meetings be held via webinar, and that meetings with the Election Board Delegates and Alternates be held quarterly. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
EXECUTIVE SESSION (3rd):
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
TIME: 4:27 p.m.
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to go back into open session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-1 (VP Heather Cloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to ratify all action taken in executive session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears 9-0-1 (VP Heather Cloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**
TIME: 8:04 p.m.
Resolution-11-04-14 U, Confirmation of Dodie Topping as District 3 Ethics Review Board Member.
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to deny **Resolution 11-04-14 U, Confirmation of Dodie Topping as**

District 3 Ethics Review Board Member.
Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-1(VP Heather Cloud)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Appointment of Law Enforcement Commission-Marjorie Whitman:
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to appoint Marjorie Whiteman to the Law Enforcement Commission. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 8-0-2 (Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit, VP Heather Cloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Appointment of Law Enforcement Commission- Dodie Topping:
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to deny the appointment of Dodie Topping to the Law Enforcement Commission. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-1(VP Heather Cloud)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adjourn. The next Legislative Meeting will be held on December 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Chicago Branch Office, Chicago, Illinois. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 6-4(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Susan Waukon, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. David Greendeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
8:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by,
Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

2014 Year in Review

January

Boisen ready to take on the challenges as Labor Department director

Tina Boisen knew it wasn’t going to be an easy job, but that is exactly what she likes – she enjoys a challenge.

Boisen, on Tuesday, January 21, was approved by the Ho-Chunk Legislature as director of the Ho-Chunk Labor Department.

“I’m surprised, but excited at the same time,” Boisen said.

Boisen had been serving as interim director for about two months. Before that move, she was working in the Education Department.

“It’s really not that hard of a transition,” she said.

That is because Boisen has a lot of assets and experience going for her. Through the years, she’s worked in many professions within the Ho-Chunk Nation.

McDonald celebrates 20 years with the Education Department

Jeff McDonald is the Accountant for the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department. He has been there for 20 years, and has seen 30 plus executive directors sit at the helm of Education. He has also filled that position on an interim basis a time or two. He remembers, “I was executive director for 4 months when the Language Division and the home school coordinators operated under the department.” McDonald keeps great records and has set one of his own completing 20 years in the position.

The Education Department recognized Jeff by hosting a special 20 year celebration meal. The celebration was held on Friday, January 17, at the Skyline Golf Course.

New probate code being studied for Ho-Chunk Nation

An effort to develop a Ho-Chunk Probate Code that began in 1995 has finally gained some traction.

The Probate Code would specify directions of distributing the estate of a Ho-Chunk member who has died, if a written will had not been established.

The project was begun and continued by former Legislator Jim Greendeer.

“Jim Greendeer is the champion of the effort to establish the Probate Code,” said Legislator Henning Garvin. “I’m coming in at the end, but I want to see it through.”

Wendi Huling, Tribal Counsel for the Department of Justice recently presented the proposed Probate Code at an Area 1 meeting.

The Probate Code is necessary in order for the Tribal Court to handle probate issues for all tribal members, and assist those who do or do not have a will on how the distribution of their estate is to be handled. However, the issue of writing of one’s will is somewhat in conflict with Ho-Chunk Culture.

Ho-Chunk Nation donates \$20,000 to Salvation Army

The Ho-Chunk Nation presented a check for \$20,000 to the Salvation Army of La Crosse on Monday, January 13.

With the check, the Salvation Army has exceeded its \$650,000 goal for its Red Kettle Campaign, bringing their current total to more than \$675,000.

Legislators Henning Garvin and David Greendeer presented the check to Shelter Director Major Dr. Paul Moore, Development Director Julie Nelson, and Chair of the Advisory Board Sister Georgia Christensen FSPA.

“We are especially appreciative because this is the money that funds the shelter for the entire year,” Moore said.

He said the money goes towards everything from the shelter to feeding and disaster programs.

Ho-Chunk Nation planning energy strategy

On December 16-19, 2013, the Ho-Chunk Nation held its first Strategic Energy Planning Committee meeting at the Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls Convention Center. The Ho-Chunk Nation received a technical assistance grant from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to develop a Strategic Energy Plan. The three day workshop was hosted by NREL through Kabotie Consulting.

Day one focused on steering tribal leaders to the intent of the meeting and developing tribal priorities. Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and various department employees were introduced to NREL points of contact and got an overview of the planning process from Lesley Kabotie, owner of Kabotie Consulting.



Paul Kabotie, Lesley Kabotie, Paul Dearhouse, Rachel Sullivan, and Karen Petersen facilitate initial planning session.

Davids advances on martial arts career while developing Hoka! coffee business

Sharice Davids has two passions in her life: Mixed Martial Arts fighting and coffee.

She loves both of them so dearly; she can’t choose which one she loves more. So she doesn’t choose – she enjoys both.

Davids, a Ho-Chunk tribal member, is now a professional MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) fighter and she also owns and operates her own coffee company named Hoka. She presently lives on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Hoka is available locally at Whitetail Crossing Convenience Stores, owned and operated by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

But the tale of two passions doesn’t have her divided when it comes to choosing one over the other – she makes time for both.

“My priority is by enjoyment – by passion,” Davids said. “I’ve been working out (exercising) so long, it has become part of everyday life.”

February

Ho-Chunk Nation launches new Web site

After many years in the making, the new Ho-Chunk Nation Web site has been unveiled.

It officially came online on February 7.

“There’s a lot of changes and a new look,” said Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relations Officer Collin Price.

The plan to create a new Web site was first enacted in the previous Ho-Chunk president administration, Price said. A Web design company named Buffalo Nickel was contracted to produce the pages, however, it has been a long road to completion. Many aspects needed to be revised along the way.

Once the Web site design was completed, Ho-Chunk Information Technology (IT) Department had to build servers specific for the demands of the new site.

Ho-Chunk Nation advances on Priory goal for higher education

It’s a place where Ho-Chunk college students can study and learn more about their culture.

It’s also a place where they can join with friends and create an atmosphere similar to home.

“We want to make it a ‘home away from home’ for the Ho-Chunk students,” said Debra Barker, professor of English and American Indian Studies at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Mike Rindo, UW-Eau Claire Assistant Chancellor for Facilities and University Relations, gave a report on the development of the project at the Wednesday, February 12, Ho-Chunk Nation District 1 Area Meeting.

The plan is to house Ho-Chunk students at the Priory who will attend either UW-Eau Claire or Chippewa Valley Technical College. But what is different than any other housing arrangements is that the students will be able to gather and be able to practice their cultural traditions.



The Priory will provide a base for Ho-Chunk students to study at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire or Chippewa Valley Technical College and be able to share cultural customs and traditions.

File photo by Bill Hoepner of UW-EC.

Quackenbush finds faith and inspiration as soldier in the Salvation Army

Tena Quackenbush has realized that she wasn’t the center of the world. And that knowledge has turned her world around.

Having a troubled past, she now enjoys the direction in her life provided by her faith in God and her work with the Salvation Army.

Tena was born in Burlington, Wisconsin, and then moved with her parents, Leo and Ardella, and sisters Ursula and Bernadette, and brothers William and Eric, to rural Black River Falls when she was a young child. Tena attended and graduated from Black River Falls High School in 1985.

Arvina Martin begins her new journey as chief communications officer

Arvina Martin brings a lot of her background and connections with people into her new job.

Arvina has just started on February 3 as the chief communications officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. It is a newly-created position intended to make sure important information about the Ho-Chunk Nation is known to the public, plus distributing information to the other branches of government.

“I always wanted to work with Indian communities,” Arvina said. “I will use my education to help. I like politics and writing, so it’s a very good fit.”

2015 plan to reintroduce elk to Jackson County coming into fruition

A long-time effort to acquire elk on the Jackson County landscape may become reality. If everything goes as planned, elk will be in the area in the spring of 2015.

There are many partners engaged in this reintroduction effort, pooling funds and resources to ensure the restoration occurs and is successful. . Ho-Chunk Nation DNR was awarded a United States Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant in 2012. Approximately \$100,000 of the grant is being used to support elk restoration.

As restoration planning progressed, it became clear that additional funds were needed to support the project. Karash presented details of the project to HCN legislatures. The Heritage Preservation Executive Director, Robert Mann, will examine the budget to identify some funds to support the elk project.

March

Little Eagle Arts Foundation to help develop area artists

There soon will be a program in the Wisconsin Dells area dedicated to Native American art.

It’s called the Little Eagle Arts Foundation, or LEAF for short, and it will help to open the doors for Native American artists.

At the heart of the effort is Melanie Sainz, who was born and raised in Wisconsin and is an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. She is the second daughter of Roger and Bernadine Tallmadge, who owned and operated the Winnebago Public Indian Museum in Wisconsin Dells for more than 50 years.

“I’m the product of two wonderful and very successful native entrepreneurs,” Sainz said. “I went off to college, received my degrees and have worked as an art educator for the past 30 years. I retired two years ago to achieve a dream that I’ve had in terms of reopening the museum, not necessarily as an archeological museum like my parents, but more of an arts center.”

Kendall Tallmadge offers presentation on Dells cultural tourism

Wisconsin Dells has been host to tourists from all around the world for more than 150 years and a very big part of that beginning of tourism was the events staged by the Ho-Chunk people.

Kendall Tallmadge, MBA/MA in Cultural Anthropology, spoke on Thursday, March 13, before a crowd of more than 60 at the Kilbourn Public Library, Wisconsin Dells.

Tallmadge gave her presentation titled “How Cultural Tourism Shapes the Dells,” based on her Master’s thesis, “Tourism, Place and Identity: Economic History and Political Sovereignty in the Ho-Chunk Nation.”

Growing up in the Wisconsin Dells area, the daughter of Lance and Diane Tallmadge, she received her Bachelor’s degree from Beloit College in Wisconsin and her Master’s degree from University of Colorado – Boulder.

Legislative and President’s Office honor Ona Garvin

The Legislature and President of the Ho-Chunk Nation have decreed by official resolution to honor the work and contributions of Legislative Chief Clerk, Ona Garvin. As Ona’s position as Chief Clerk comes to an end, the Legislature and Office of the President gave Ona a special “Thank you” for everything she has accomplished for the Nation.

Her many years of service were observed during a Legislative meeting on Tuesday, March 18, at the Ho-Chunk Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells.

Ona will leave the Nation with a memorable impression due to all the contributions she has made. Ona received a Pendleton from the Office of the President and also received a special citation in her honor, signed by President Jon Greendeer and Vice President, Heather Cloud.



Ona smiles with her Pendleton and Citation.

Head Start children visit new dental clinic

From a child’s mind, a trip to the dentist can either be a scary event or it can be fun, depending on their point of view.

To alleviate any anticipated fears, children from the Ho-Chunk Nation Head Start program visited the new Dental Family Health Center of Marshfield Inc., located near the Ho-Chunk Health Clinic in Black River Falls.

“It was our Dental Center’s goal to reach out to local children to teach them about proper oral hygiene,” said Erica Larsen, dental center manager of the Black River Falls facility.

The field trip was a collaboration effort, organized by Gina White Eagle of the Ho-Chunk Nation Head Start program and Larsen.

‘Sex trafficking’ seminar tells the dirty truth about child abuse

It’s not pleasant topic to talk about. But ignoring the information will not make it go away.

Knowing about the details, what to do, and then following through will make a difference.

That’s why the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services made available a seminar, “Native American Sex Trafficking Awareness Training” on Tuesday, March 4, in the Atrium of the Tribal Office Building.

HCN Social Services Project Manager Wehuh Helgesen helped organize the event, which had 85 people in attendance.

The training’s intended audience was Social Service staff, Surveillance and Security, and people who requested to attend. A similar training is planned for April 14, which will be open to the public.

Casino business project proposals gain Legislature approval

Casino expansion has been planned and talked about, since the Nation finished Phase II of the Ho-Chunk Gaming –Wisconsin Dells in 1999, in all of its casinos. The Nation has slowly but surely been making minor improvements as time has passed. The people spoke and the Ho-Chunk Nation President, the Department of Business, and HCN Legislature listened.

An initial list of 28 expansion projects for Ho-Chunk Gaming WI’s existing casino operations were presented during several Legislative meetings at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls. The initial list of 28 was a continuation of past administrations and was dropped to a list of 24.

“I would like to reiterate that these projects have been a long time in coming,” said Jon Warner, Ho-Chunk Nation Business Development Manager.

April

Dancers, drums and culture enlighten the crowd at CVTC

Drum rhythms and songs filled Chippewa Valley Technical College (Clairemont campus) Monday, April 14, 2014. The 5th Annual pow wow exhibition took place at noon until 1:30 p.m. in the student commons. Students and the general public were all invited to enjoy Native dancers performing in full regalia. The dancers ranged in age from twenty months young to adult ages young and old.

Coordinating and organizing this cultural extravaganza was not an easy feat (feet). According to Kodiak Cleveland, a student at CVTC and son of past Ho-Chunk Nation president Wilfred Cleveland. Cleveland said he missed classes to work on the event, however, he was excused from class to oversee the activities on exhibition day.

Ho-Chunk Nation donates \$80,000 to Tomah Fire Department

With the donation from the Ho-Chunk Nation, a new Incident Command Vehicle has been ordered for the Tomah Fire Department.

A check for \$80,000 was donated to the Tomah Fire Department on Tuesday, April 15, at the Tomah Fire Department station.

The check was given to Fire Chief Kevin Decorah by Ho-Chunk Legislators Andrea Estebo, Henning Garvin and David Greendeer.

“We are immensely happy to be able to do this,” said Henning Garvin, District II Representative of the Ho-Chunk Nation. “We recognize the nation in Tomah have a very mutually beneficial relationship for years. We have close to 400 tribal that live in Monroe County, most of them in the Tomah area, so we know are citizens as well as our neighbors will benefit as a result of this.”

Ho-Chunk comedians rock the audience

Seven Ho-Chunk comedians took to the stage Sunday night, April 20, to show the world their own brand of humor for the People of the Big Laugh Comedy Contest at the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls Bingo Hall.

In the end, three were chosen as the best of the group.

First place: Justina Hindsley, Second place: Irene Keenan Jr.,

Third place: Marlon WhiteEagle

Solar panel installation workshop offers insight on sustainability

In an effort to migrate to more sustainable energy sources, the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency, Ho-Chunk Housing, and the Ho-Chunk Labor Department combined forces.

Maintenance crews from HHCD and Ho-Chunk Housing joined together for a solar panel workshop at the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post building on April 1 and 2.

TERO Director Nicholas Kedrowski, of the Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Department, was responsible for the funding of the workshop through the 477 Program.

Jeff Hendricks of HCCDA has been attending Solar Academy classes at the Midwest Renewable Energy Association in Custer on weekends and will graduate in May.

Open house held for new energy-efficient Dells Dam Community Center

A bright new, cheery center awaits the residents of the Dells Dam area. An open house was held on Wednesday, March 26, for the new Dells Dam Community Center.

The Dells Dam area is in Clark County, slightly north of Hatfield and is south of Highway 95 along the east bank of the Black River. The new community center is on Bush Road, midway between Resewood Avenue and Clark Avenue.

Present to answer questions or to give a brief tour were Mark Butterfield, director of Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCD), and Ronald Lambert, the senior project manager with Standing Stone Design, Inc.

The Dells Dam Community Building is 3,000 square feet and roughly 54’ x 67’.

Ho-Chunk members receive top votes in April 1 election

Five Ho-Chunk members ran for governmental seats in the April 1 election, and all were successful.

Carol Rockman, Nehomah Thundercloud, Wade Blackdeer, Levi Thunder and Bill Lowe all gained more votes than their challengers.

Carol Rockman will take the supervisor seat for District 11 of the Jackson County Board.

Nehomah Thundercloud was the top vote-getter in a three-way race for two seats on the Black River Falls School Board.

Wade Blackdeer will have the opportunity to join the Monroe County Board after he received the most write-in votes for the vacant District 7.

William Lowe defeated Jack Meegan for the seat on the Delton Town Board formerly held by Bob Fitcher, who died last year.

May

A Night of Remembrance Walk held in honor of cancer victims and survivors

It was a night to honor the loved ones who went through the struggles with cancer, those who have survived the affliction, and those who didn’t survive.

Family and friends gathered to create a luminary in their honor and walk in their memory. There were 163 people in attendance on Friday, May 23 at the Pow Wow Grounds in Black River Falls for the annual A Night of Remembrance. Each participant was given a tee shirt for the event.

“A Night of Remembrance is a walk to honor loved ones who are going through cancer treatment or have survived a cancer diagnosis,” said Ho-Chunk Nation Community Health Educator/Grant Writer Louise Voss, one of the organizers of the event. “It is also to remember friends and family who have passed away from cancer.”

Youth Council makes Christmas a little brighter at Pine Ridge

It was a mission of hope, love and compassion. Six youth, all members of the Ho-Chunk Youth Council, and four chaperones headed west to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota on Friday, December 20, 2013, with two vans loaded with clothes, shoes, books, toys and food. The Youth Council, Gary Garvin, Cyrus Ortiz, Izaak Ortiz, Celia Lonetree, Lucas Stacy and Kyla Rave, plus chaperones Sara Dobbs, Laura Snake, Jovanna WhiteEagle, and Bev Banek arrived the next day, Saturday, Dec. 21, at the reservation. They were amazed at what they found. “The living conditions down there are at bare minimum,” Cyrus Ortiz said. “Some people are homeless and they would have to sit in the brutal cold with nothing to eat.”

Ho-Chunk Nation holds traditional Memorial Day Pow Wow

The annual Ho-Chunk Nation Memorial Day weekend Pow Wow was held Saturday, May 24 through Monday, May 26, at Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow Wow Grounds, Black River Falls. This year’s event was highlighted by honoring the Ho-Chunk Nation Code Talkers who served in World War II. Lance Long and Dylan Prescott served as emcees of the weekend event. Arena directors were Bobby Bird and Bobby Blackdeer. Members of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 raised Andrew Blackhawk’s flag on Saturday morning and the Honorary Flag Raising was held on Monday morning, with all flags at half-staff until noon, when they were raising to full height. Veterans were recognized at 2 p.m. and all colors were retired at 4 p.m.

Think Tank serves as a support forum for Ho-Chunk Small Business Owners

Starting your own business can be unnerving and even scary. Such a venture can actually seem to be something that is too farfetched or too difficult to ever become a reality. This is not true in Hunter Eary’s way of thinking and decision to make his dream of a cabinet making business come true. The ambitious 27 year old, and his father Mark, attended the Small Business Think Tank meeting held at the Blue Wing community building on April 29. The group met to share business plans, stories, experiences, barriers, concerns and fears. Participants shared how they worked past or how they are currently working to overcome these barriers, that could otherwise block or hold back a prospective small business owner’s success.

Sacred Water, Sacred Land, held at Kickapoo Valley Reserve for fifth annual Earth Day event

Referred to as the father of Earth Day, former Wisconsin Governor and U. S. Senator Gaylord Nelson said, “The most important environmental issue is one that is rarely mentioned, and that is the lack of a conservation ethic in our culture.” As a result, he was the founder of Earth Day. He wanted to educate the public and those in political positions about the necessity of respecting and maintaining the Earth. On April 19, the Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN), the Kickapoo Valley Reserve (KVR) and Kickapoo Earth Day held the fifth annual event. This year’s event was titled, “*Sacred Water, Sacred Land.*”

Ho-Chunk Nation responds to 18 Money article

The recent two-part series for the Wisconsin State Journal by Reporter Dan Simmons regarding the Nation’s Children’s Trust Funds has provoked many reactions amongst tribal members. The issue has been, and continues to be a hot issue throughout the tribal membership. No matter where you go, or who you talk to about 18 money you’re sure to find differing opinions on what needs to be done or what should remain the same. The article ‘Hitting the Jackpot: Ho-Chunk mulling changes to 18 money’ in the Wisconsin State Journal (WSJ)l written by Dan Simmons has set off a firestorm of anger throughout our tribal membership.

June

Ho-Chunk woman appears on Longmire television show

If you were watching television last Monday, June 16, there’s a chance you might have seen Alicia Lucero on the show “Longmire.” No, she didn’t play the starring role, but she was on the show just the same. She was an “extra” in the scene of the Miss Cheyenne contest, dancing and being in the background of the main contestants. “It was fun,” Alicia said. She is a Ho-Chunk member and the daughter of Morgan and the late Marie WhiteEagle. “I’m glad I had the opportunity.” It all came together when Alicia Lucero was living in San Felipe Pueblo, New Mexico, this spring, and her husband, Bow, got a call from an old friend, Leonard Epsitty.

Justine Hindsley doesn’t tell jokes, she tells her own stories

A star may have born and she was always here – hiding in our midst. She’s Justina Hindsley and she has been on a bit of a roll lately, making us laugh at her recent performances. Justina was the winner of the Ho-Chunk Comedy Contest on April 20. With that victory, she earned the right to perform again on Friday May 23, and share the stage with the two professional comedians who performed that night – James Junes and Tatanka Means. But Justina has her own brand of humor than has entertained the crowds and many people who have seen her are encouraging her to continue using her talent. “Most of my friends have told me that I’m funny,” she said. “I like to make people laugh. It’s good to put smiles on people’s faces.”

Ribbon-cutting ceremony opens new Law Enforcement Center

The new Ho-Chunk Law Enforcement Center is now open for business. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Friday, June 20, in which representatives from neighboring county sheriff’s departments were in attendance. The facility is now finished, with some minor tweaks here and there. It is connected with the Tribal Court Building along Highway 54 in Black River Falls. “We hoped to be in our new office, but there was a leak with the air conditioning unit, so we will have to wait until the carpet has been replaced in our new office,” said Law Enforcement Office Administrator CaraLee Murphy.



Carson Funmaker and Dennis Funmaker Sr. cut the ribbon for the new Ho-Chunk Nation Law Enforcement Center.

Ho-Chunk youth raise their sticks and enthusiasm for lacrosse

When Aspen Lonetree and Kailex Stonefish Martin hit the field, they aren’t looking for a baseball or football to come their way. Instead, they hope to catch a lacrosse ball and place it firmly in the goal, despite the goalie’s best efforts to stop them. The friends are teammates of the Baraboo lacrosse team, known as the Baraboo Area Lacrosse Association, or BALA for short. It is the first year for the team. They are joining a growing number of Native Americans who have rediscovered the sport of lacrosse. Aspen, a freshman at Wisconsin Dells High School, said that he is inspired by the Native American brothers Miles and Lyle Thompson.

Veteran Supportive Housing receives official start with groundbreaking

A groundbreaking ceremony for Veterans Supportive Housing unit took place on June 4 at the new site, the corner of Blackhawk Road and Sandpillow Road in Black River Falls. The \$1.6 million, 10,000-square foot facility, which is proposed to be finished by November 1, will provide 10 apartments for veterans. Each apartment will be 600 square feet. Neal Whitegull of Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) led the ceremony, telling how the new structure was planned and constructed through HHCDA and will be transferred over to the Ho-Chunk Nation. At the time of the ceremony, the concrete foundation had already been poured and sounds of the construction crews in the background provided a busy backdrop for the event.

July

Spencer Lonetree doesn’t give up on his passion for life

You could call him a singer. But he’s also a writer. Those are Spencer Lonetree’s passions in life and they are the elements that make life worth living. And even though he’s battling cancer, it doesn’t slow him down. “In fact, hours fly by when I am absorbed and lost in my music and I find it as a form of therapy in my fight against cancer,” he said. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2007. Despite the weakening effects of chemotherapy, Spencer still sings a variety of songs, all accompanied by his guitar. And he currently is writing his third book in a five-part series, all about the history of the Ho-Chunk people. Just a few weeks ago, Spencer recorded his first CD, singing his songs at the Mauston Language Department recording studio.

Every Step Counts program has employees putting the shoes to the pavement

It’s all the rage. There is a new electronic fashion accessory many Ho-Chunk Nation employees seems to be wearing these days. And they can’t keep from looking at it over and over again. It’s not the latest iPod, tablet computer or smartphone, but it demands just as much attention as those electronic items – although it’s much simpler. It’s called a pedometer. Employees are gauging their daily steps as part of the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department’s “Every Step Counts” program. The number of steps taken each day is recorded on pedometers and those numbers are written into a log book.

Newly expanded Wazee Wastewater Treatment Facility holds open house

A newly-expanded wastewater treatment facility will now pave the way to handle the additional volume from several proposed Ho-Chunk Nation projects. The wastewater expansion project cost has been estimated at \$10.4 million. An open house was held on Tuesday, July 29, at the Wazee Wastewater Treatment Facility. Visitors were able to speak with construction and Ho-Chunk Nation representatives, and treatment facility operators. Following a meal, visitors were offered tours, showing each component of the expanded facilities. “The Wazee Construction Project is the result of many programs working together to plan, finance, and design and finally construct the expansion at the Wastewater Treatment Plant,” said Ho-Chunk Nation Environmental Health Director Carol Rollins.

Last original WPS house in Mission demolished

The last of the original Works Progress Administration (WPA) homes in the Mission came down Monday morning. It was a sad sight for Marilyn Vasquez, but one that she has eventually learned to accept, but not forget. Three generations lived in that house on Decorah Road. “It’s where I grew up, my brothers and sisters, and my mom and her sisters,” Marilyn said. “It was first built for my grandparents.”

The house has been demolished by Ho-Chunk Housing, with plans to build a new house on the site. The old house was too dilapidated and too difficult to repair. The Works Progress Administration (renamed in 1939 as the Work Projects Administration; WPA) was the largest and most ambitious effort during the World War II era, employing millions of unemployed people (mostly unskilled men) to carry out public works projects, including the construction of public buildings and roads.

General Council Agency cuts ribbon for new facility

A ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, July 11, officially opened a newly-renovated facility to house the General Council Agency (GCA). The building is located on Highway 21 next to the Ho-Chunk Transportation Shop, just east of the city of Tomah. “Finally, we got a place of our own,” said GCA Chairman Marvin Decorah. Parr Decorah was the master of ceremonies, Gerald Cleveland Sr. provided the invocation, the Sanford WhiteEagle Post 556 was the color guard and the Hiwasipi Drum Group provided the music. The Grand Opening was celebrated with a meal, door prizes, bingo, two inflatable bounce houses for the kids, and a dunk tank.

Sen. Tammy Baldwin visits Ho-Chunk Nation

Making her first visit with Ho-Chunk Nation, U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin stopped to see the facilities and talk with Nation officials in Black River Falls on Tuesday, July 1. She first visited the Tribal Office Building, then toured the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center, the mobile pediatric unit and the new Marshfield Family Health Center Dental Clinic. This was Senator Baldwin’s first visit to the Ho-Chunk Nation’s headquarters. The Nation’s officials frequent her office when they travel to Washington, D.C., to stay informed and introduce new policy that the Nation can partner with her office. Baldwin’s office worked with the Office of the President to schedule the meeting. She was interested in seeing the work the Nation has done to provide Health and Dental care to the Ho-Chunk members.

August

Judith Ann combines love of Elvis with love of giving

For years, Judith Ann Thundercloud has combined her love for Elvis with her love for helping people. In her effort to appease both loves, every year she has hosted an annual Elvis party. This year it was held at the Lunda Theater, having out grown the previous two locations. “Yes, it does make me feel good to help people,” Judith Ann said. “I really do like it because Interfaith needs it to provide useful things for elders and to help out people in Hospice.” Judith Ann has been a volunteer for both organizations for many years. This year’s event featured an Elvis impersonator, raffles, door prizes and a silent auction. The proceeds of the event were divided between the two charities.

‘The Hidden Truth’ suggests the paranormal for La Crosse drowning deaths

When all conventional means have failed, sometimes a person has to look to unconventional means to solve a mystery. Those are the beliefs of former La Crosse Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Neil Sanders. He’s seen the evidence and knows that law enforcement officials are no closer to solving the drownings of 10 young men in the Mississippi River at Riverside Park since 1997. In an effort to question the means of their deaths, Sanders brought in a paranormal investigative team and a film crew. Sanders is co-producer of the newly-released documentary, “The Hidden Truth.” The film will have its premier showing on Saturday, September 6, at the Omni Center in Onalaska. The filming of the documentary took two years and 800 hours of recordings, which was edited down to 64 minutes. Ho-Chunk members Ritchie Brown and the late Preston Thompson helped with the documentary, appearing in the film to offer their perspective.

Inspirational speakers offer energy at annual Family Wellness Retreat

A little change in venue was in order for the annual Family Wellness Retreat. Instead of the usual place – the Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells – it was instead held outdoors at the Champion Resort in Galesville. It is organized by the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services. “I think it worked out really well,” said HCN Children and Family Services Director Valerie Blackdeer. “In fact, everyone liked it so much, we are thinking of holding it here again next year.” The campground gave the children an opportunity to play on playground equipment, bounce on a huge inflated outdoor pillow, a take a dip in the pool, tie-dye a tee shirt, stuff a teddy bear, or compete on arcade games. Also, a clown was on hand to make all sorts of balloon animals and hats and swords for all the children.

Cloud first graduate of Healing to Wellness Court program

Jerome Cloud has set a new goal for everyone with addictions. He became the first graduate in the Healing to Wellness Court program. A graduation ceremony for Cloud was held on Wednesday, July 30 at the Tribal Court Building. The Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court is an alternate to incarceration for individuals that meet the high risk or high need of a substance abuse program. Cloud was asked to say a few words about his experience and the success he has achieved. “Take whatever you can get out of it,” he said. “What you put into it is what you get out of it.” Ho-Chunk Nation Associate Judge Amanda WhiteEagle said the graduation is something they’ve been looking forward to.

September

New Treasury programs to make use easier, help with budgets

Two new programs, Payroll Debit Card and Per Capita Budgetary Assistance, were recently introduced by the Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department. They are designed to help Ho-Chunk members and all employees better handle their finances. Both programs are being offered on a voluntarily basis. “The payroll debit card program is being offered through BMO Harris Bank and will allow employees or tribal members to make a purchase or withdraw money through an ATM,” said Accounting Manager Chris Dreves. Purchases can be made at any store or online where MasterCard® is accepted. Employees and tribal members can receive a debit card and have their paycheck or per capita payment deposited into the account. It especially helps people who do not have access to a bank account, Dreves said.

Psychologist explains veterans’ struggles with PTSD, how to treat

Whenever someone witnesses a traumatic event, there is the possibility the person seeing the event will have difficulties processing what he or she experienced. The result is referred to as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or more commonly referred to as PTSD for short. The seminar on Tuesday, September 9, in the atrium of the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building, was made possible because of a request by Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Affairs Administrator Sandra Winneshiek. “Basically, I wanted to inform veterans and families of what PTSD is and I want to make sure the veterans’ needs are met,” Winneshiek said. “People can be affected by a number of different reasons, not just combat.”

Kelly Greengrass re-enlists in Army Reserves

After seven years in the Army Reserves, Kelly Greengrass wasn’t ready to give it up. “I feel like I’m not done,” she said. “I enjoy being in the Reserves.” On Tuesday, September 2, Greengrass raised her hand and took the oath to re-enlist for another six years. Her swearing-in ceremony took place in the Ho-Chunk Veterans Service Office Conference Room. The possibility of re-enlisting has been weighing heavily on her mind for some time. “I’ve been talking to Army Career Counselor SFC Hanson since this spring,” she said. “I feel like I’m not done with it.” E4 Specialist Greengrass originally enlisted in the Army Reserves in 2007 and her service would have been completed in May, but instead she took the step to continue the journey.

Comic artist Jim Terry develops his own series

It takes an artist with a keen eye and a steady hand, plus a whole lot of talent, to draw as well as Ho-Chunk artist Jim Terry does. “I loved drawing as a kid. I have loved drawing as long as I can remember,” Terry said. “When I would leave class at school, my notebook would have no notes – just drawings.” Terry, 40, is now a fulltime comic book artist, employed by Dark Horse Comics. The fulltime job requires Terry to turn out 22 finished pages a month, which requires a lot of creativity and devotion. His newest creation, a comic book series called “Sundowners,” was released to the public last week.

October

Ho-Chunk Nation hosts U.S. Department of Education Listening Session

Indigenous people have dealt with bullying, disproportionate discipline, and offensive imagery and symbolism for a long time, but the United States Department of Education, through the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education, is making an effort to document, understand and take action to curtail these problems. The Ho-Chunk Nation hosted the School Environment Listening Tour for Native American Students, held in the North Hall of the La Crosse Center on Sunday, October 26. The purpose of this event was to gather information directly from students who have experienced or may currently be experiencing discrimination in some form.



Ho-Chunk Nation President, Jon Greendeer, welcomes the White House panelists, audience and other distinguished guests involved in the U. S. Department of Education Listening Session.

Missing and Exploited Children director addresses Tribal Chiefs

Robert Hoever remembers the panic he and his wife experienced when he lost track of their young daughter in a public setting.

“I was in a state of panic,’ he said. “I can’t imagine what parents of lost children must go through when their children have been missing for hours, days, or even weeks.”

Hoever, the director of National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, VA., spoke before a quarterly meeting of the Wisconsin Tribal Chiefs on Thursday, October 23 at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls.

He came to Wisconsin to meet with Tribal Law Enforcement regarding long-term missing children.

Susan WhiteHorse, the manager of the Wisconsin Clearinghouse for Missing and Exploited Children and Adults based in Madison, organized visit with Wisconsin Tribal Police Chiefs along with coordination from Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer, Social Services, and House of Wellness.

Ho-Chunk Nation to host Traditional Circle of Elder and Youth gathering

Between 500 and 600 people from all around the United States and Canada will be coming to the Ho-Chunk Powwow Grounds next year.

They’ll be here attending the annual Traditional Circle of Elders and Youth.

To look at the facilities and coordinate the event, three representatives from the American Indian Institute came to the Ho-Chunk Nation in Black River Falls on October 8.

The group of coordinators, Leonard Bends, Eric Noyes and Lisa Sutton, began the day at the Blackdeer homestead in the Wazee area, being the guests for breakfast, then came to the Powwow Grounds to examine the possibilities.

The arrangement came about because many Ho-Chunk youth and adults attended this year’s event in New York. When it came time to arrange for next year’s venue, Ho-Chunk representatives stepped forward to volunteer their site.

General Council meeting addresses 10 resolutions

At first glance, it appeared that a resolution to sell property in Linwood, Illinois, passed by more than a 4 percent margin.

But then, a legal challenge nullified the temporary victory, reversing the decision by a stipulation in the Ho-Chunk Constitution that requires a majority vote to pass.

The resolution was presented at the September 27 General Council meeting at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. There were 1722 registered tribal members in attendance, with Gerald Cleveland serving as chairman.

Ten resolutions were brought to the podiums before a motion to end the close the agenda was made.

Greengrass Café thrives on the campus scene

A wild selection of foods in a new restaurant near the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse campus have the people buzzing.

It’s the Greengrass Café and it offers an appetizing and varied menu, including breakfast items throughout the day.

The business opened August 26 and is located across from the Cartwright Center at 1904 Campbell Road in La Crosse.

The café is the brainchild of co-owner Don Greengrass, Jr., who joined efforts with business partner Vivek Pande to make the eatery a reality.

Don, a Ho-Chunk member, is the son of Donald Greengrass Sr., La Crosse, and Cindy L. Greengrass of Green bay. He has a sister, Krista, who also attends UW-L.

November

Youngthunder weaves his Ho-Chunk knowledge into his classroom

It’s been a learning experience for both the students and the teacher. Eli Youngthunder’s been at his new job of Social Studies teacher since mid-August and it’s been challenging, but at the same time very rewarding.

“It’s a lot of work,” he said. “Sometimes people forget how much work a teacher has to do. Otherwise, it’s been good.”

Youngthunder has become the newest addition to the Social Studies Department at Black River Falls High School.

“Dealing with the first month was hectic,” he said. “It was like going from zero to 100 miles per hour. I had to make sure a dozen things get done, along with all the meetings I had to attend.”

It’s difficult working everything into his schedule, such as also spending time with his two sons and running.

New Veterans Supportive Housing Project holds open house

Ten apartments are nearly ready to give veterans a new start – a new home that will allow them independence and a sense of belonging.

An open house was held for the Sii Woo Nazi Hocira, otherwise known as the Ho-Chunk Veterans Supportive Housing Project, in Sandpillow on Monday, November 10.

Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) Project Director Neil Whitegull offered tours of the new facility.

The \$1.2 million 10-apartment complex isn’t quite finished, as was planned, but it gave visitors a good idea of what the facility will look like.

“Today was supposed to be the completion day, but we fell a little behind schedule,” Whitegull said. “We had a late spring and, consequently, the weight

limits on the roads were removed really late. We weren’t able to get heavy machinery in here until after Memorial Day.”

Now, instead the goal is to get tenants into their apartments by the first day of 2015.

December

A Message to the Hoocak People on the Badger Ammunition Plant

The fight for our traditional and cultural land in Sauk Co. has come to a close. The former munitions plant which reached its peak of productivity during World War II was deemed “surplus” in the late 90’s, marking the beginning of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s effort to reclaim what was rightfully ours.

A provision within the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) will transfer 1,553 acres, formerly the Badger Army Ammunition Plant, to the Ho-Chunk Nation. This land was a place where we have lived, gathered, hunted, fasted, picked medicines, farmed, and held our sacred ceremonies.

For many, this has been an exhaustively bureaucratic, legal, and political endeavor, but it will prove over time worth every investment, especially as this land heals herself. This land has been returned to the Ho-Chunk People, who now have a strong sovereign government in place with an inherent oath to preserve and protect all that the Creator has blessed us during our time on this earth.

Census of Ho-Chunk tribal members being planned for 2015

Let the counting begin. Well, not quite yet, but it’s coming.

The Ho-Chunk Nation is preparing to conduct a census, which will take place in 2015 and will involve every man, woman and child in the Nation.

“Often we talk about the needs of the Ho-Chunk members, such as housing, yet we have no numbers to back up the claims,” said Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Division Director Carol Garvin. “Real data gathered in the census will be used to know what the needs of the Nation are.”

The information will be good for 10 years, Garvin said, and it will help Nation departments using statistics to address needs, required when applying for grants.

The last time a specific census of Ho-Chunk members was completed was in 1994-1995.

Ho-Chunk Woga on its way to brighten spirits of Christmas

Christmas is a time of giving, of families and good times. To make that Christmas morning a little brighter for underprivileged children, employees of Ho-Chunk Social Services are doing their best.

They’ve collected presents to be delivered to children in an annual program called Ho-Chunk Woga.

“They are ready to be delivered before Christmas,” said Jacqueline Moen-Kadec, one of the organizers of the project.

Because of Ho-Chunk Woga, Social Services staff will be delivering 100 gifts this year to children and young adults who are ages 0-22. The children receiving the gifts are those who have received services through Ho-Chunk Social Services.

The gifts come to Social Services from a variety of ways. The first is that people will take “tags.” A tag will have the gender and the age of a child written on it, to which the donor purchases a present in the price range of \$20 to \$25.

Basket maker places emphasis on sharing skills of the past

Lila Greengrass Blackdeer has a talent she hopes won’t be lost. She’s a black ash basket maker and she’s been teaching many Tribal Office Building employees the skills of the craft.

For about three weeks, she has been meeting with Donna Littlegeorge, Sandy Winneshiek, Natalie Bird and Tina Warner. And while they’re making their baskets, Lila has been teaching them the Ho-Chunk language, especially the terms for the materials and the directions for creating them.

“I’ve been making baskets since I was 5,” Lila said. “I would take the scraps that other people left behind and make small baskets.”

Ho-Chunk and Ethnic Studies course paves way for cultural understanding

A new course, “Ho-Chunk and Ethnic Studies,” will help students to understand the different cultures that make up our communities.

The course is now offered at Black River Falls High School and it is unique in that it focuses on Ho-chunk history and culture while also allowing all students to focus specifically on their ethnic heritage.

It is one of only two such classes being offered in the state right now that are affiliated with the First Nations Studies Program at UW-Green Bay.

The Black River Falls Board of Education unanimously approved the curriculum in March and the first offering was in the 2014-15 fall semester. The effort is to comply with the mandates of Act 31, the Wisconsin law passed in 1989 that requires public schools to offer instruction on American Indian history and sovereignty, and sound instruction on issues surrounding diversity.

Ho-Chunk language immersion daycare plans proceeding in Baraboo

The former Head Start building in Christmas Mountain, near Wisconsin Dells, is undergoing a transformation.

Walls are being painted, fences are being constructed, more walls being built, and the heating system improved.

Billed as “Ho-Chunk First Immersion Daycare,” plans are to make it a place for children ages 0 to 4 can stay during weekdays, and are taught only Ho-Chunk language.

It’s still in the planning stages, and it’s a partnership among many Ho-Chunk departments, including the Education and Language and Labor departments.

Toree Jones and Mary Thundercloud have been a big part of the drive to establish the daycare. They met at the facility with Area II Rep. Andrea Estebo, Joanne Jones, Kelly Jo Funmaker, Felicia Helgeson, Lori Funmaker and Adrienne Thunder on Friday, November 14, to show the building and to discuss the plans.



Discussing the logistics of the national gathering, (from left) Leonard Bends, Eric Noyes, Wilfrid Cleveland, Lisa Sutton and Clayton Winneshiek decide where a centralized ceremonial fire could be placed.

NOTICE AND RULES OF
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

5. Elections, a. Primary Election and d. Runoff Elections.

- (a) Primary Elections shall be held prior to the General Election and/or Special Elections, whenever there are three (3) or more candidates running for the same position in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided in Section 1, subparagraphs c. through f., above
- (2) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the votes cast in such Election, the two (2) candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (any candidate(s) tied with the lower of such totals) shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the General Election or Runoff Election.
- (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Code and in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

THE FOLLOWING
TERMS OF FOUR (4)
YEARS WILL BE
VACANT:

Ho-Chunk Nation
President
July 2015 - June 2019

Legislature
District 1
Black River Falls
Seat 2
July 2015 – June 2019

District 2
Tomah, LaCrosse,
Madison & Baraboo
Seat 1
July 2015 – June 2019

District 3
Wittenberg, Wisconsin
Rapids, Green Bay &
Wisconsin Dells
Seat 1
July 2015 – June 2019

District 4
Milwaukee
Seat 1
July 2015 – June 2019

District 5
At-Large
Seat 2
July 2015 – June 2019

SUPREME COURT

Associate Justice 2
Four (4) Year Term
July 2015 – June 2019

TRIAL COURT

Chief Trial Court Judge
Four (4) Year Term
July 2015 – June 2019

Associate Judge 1
Four (4) Year Term
July 2015 – June 2019

Associate Judge 2
Four (4) Year Term
July 2015 – June 2019

NOMINATIONS OF
CANDIDATES

The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Members or the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 Filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board office before the close of the nomination period on **Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.** ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTION BOARD. To be eligible for Legislative Office, candidates must comply with 8. a. *iii.* of the Election Code which states, "...candidates have resided for at least one (1) year immediately prior to filing the petition declaring her/his candidacy...Residency is defined as the permanent physical address stated on the periodic Address Verification Forms.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:
Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See *Election Code Sec. 11 (a) (6).*

REGISTRATION:
Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing identification before receiving an Official Ballot. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:
Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting

a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period.

Section 11. c. ii. (Deadline, Monday, February 9, 2015).

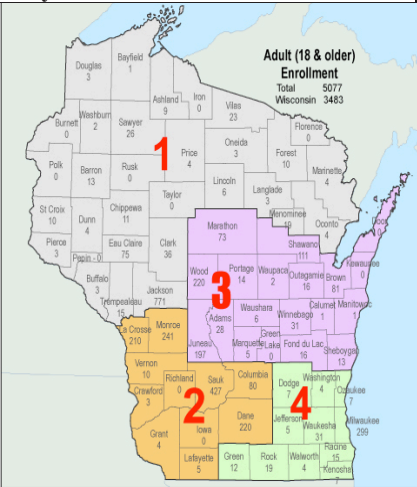
Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
206 South Roosevelt Road
P.O Box 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

Deadline to challenge the candidate(s) list to Election Board is Monday, February 9, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING:
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than **Wednesday, February 18, 2015 by 4:00 P.M.** See *Election Code, sec. 13 a.*

Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts.



Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on **Saturday February 28, 2015.**

Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:
The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:
Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of

any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

ELECTIONEERING:
There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Saturday, February 28, 2015

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, November 24, 2014

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Thursday, January 29, 2015

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM
Monday, February 9, 2015

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Wednesday, February 18, 2015 4:00 PM

GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, June 2, 2015

POLLING PLACES: OPEN AT 8:00 A.M AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI.
HCHA
INDIAN MISSION
715-284-8900

TOMAH, WI
BLUE WING
320 EPINAL AVE.
608-377-3787

LACROSSE, WI.
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE
724 MAIN STREET
608-783-6025

BARABOO, WI.
HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 WHITEEAGLE ROAD
608-355-1240

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI.
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM. BLD.
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE
715-886-5444

WITTENBERG, WI.
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
W17956 WITT-BIRN TOWNLINE ROAD
715-253-3536

CHICAGO, IL.
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE
4738 N. MILWAUKEE AVE.
773-202-8433


MILWAUKEE, WI.
MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE
3501 S. HOWELL AVENUE
414-747-8680

ST PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS, MN
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH OFFICE
1724 SELBY AVE.
651-641-1801

MADISON, WI.
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
1320 MENDOTA STREET
608-277-9964

WISCONSIN DELLS, WI.
INDIAN HEIGHTS BLDG.
N957 DYER AVENUE
715-299-6104

GREEN BAY, WI.
BRANCH OFFICE
1047 9th. ST.
920-490-2774



PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL HOCAK VETERANS

RE: Ho-Chunk Veterans Supportive Housing Project Rental Facility, located in East Sandpillow, Black River Falls, WI

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development (HHCDA) is NOW TAKING Rental applications for the Veterans Supportive Housing Facility.

Application and occupational policy will be mailed to each Hocak Veteran. Applications may also be sent out by request via fax or email or picked up at the information listed below.

Contact information for HHCDA:

Phone number: 800/236-2260 **Fax number:** 608/374-1251


Mailing Address: Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency
P.O. Box 730, Tomah, WI 54660-0730

Physical Address: 1116 E. Monowau Street, Tomah, Wisconsin

HHCDA Staff Contacts: Melanie Stacy email address:
Melanie.stacy@ho-chunk.com

Paul Tysse email address:
paul.tysse@ho-chunk.com

Marj Whitman email address:
Marjorie.whitman@ho-chunk.com





HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Child Care Assistance Program

PO Box 40, 808 Red Iron Road, Black River Falls

PROGRAM NOTICE


THE CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAS REACHED ITS FUNDING LIMITS FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

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| ADAMS | EAU CLAIRE | MONROE |
| CLARK | JACKSON | SAUK |
| COLUMBIA | JUNEAU | SHAWANO |
| CRAWFORD | LA CROSSE | VERNON |
| DANE | MARATHON | WOOD |

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THESE COUNTIES ARE CURRENTLY BEING PUT ON A WAITING LIST UNTIL FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE.

FOR QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:
CYNTHIA DE FLORIAN
715-284-2622 EXT. 5148
CYNTHIA.DEFLORIAN@HO-CHUNK.COM





HO-CHUNK NATION

DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans Affairs Advisory Board

Date: January 9, 2015

Time: **10:00 a.m.**

Location: **TOB-Veterans Affairs Division Conference Room**


The Division of Veterans Affairs encourages all veterans and interested individuals to attend.

Should you have any questions comments or concerns please contact the Division of Veterans Affairs at **(715)284-4563**.

This meeting notice is posted in accordance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Open Meetings Act.

POSTED : 12/22/14 (rescheduled)

P.O. BOX 667, W9814 AIRPORT ROAD, BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615
PH. (866) 505-4793 FAX (715) 284-5934



HCN Higher Education to host 3rd Annual Youth & Family College Expo

Ho-Chunk Higher Education will host its 3rd Annual Youth & Family College Expo from 12-4 pm, Saturday, January 31st at the Tribal Office Building in BRF. The event will serve 3rd-12th grade students and parents. Lunch and door prizes included!

Instructors and students from colleges will be leading workstations involving hands-on activities, simulations, demonstrations, and competitions related to college majors and careers.

In addition to the college workstations, parents will have the opportunity to attend informative workshops. This is designed to prepare parents to be able to help their children with the college admission process.

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| 11 am | Registration & Lunch |
| 12 pm | Guest Speaker |
| 1 pm | College Booths & Parent Workshops |
| 3:30 pm | Prizes & Closing |

For more information about the event and to register, please contact us at EducationAdvisors@ho-chunk.com or (800) 362-4476.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit Elderly Advisory Board Member (1 vacancy)

District 5: Chicago Area

According to Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board Establishment Act and Organization Act;

Terms: Board members shall serve for a three (3) year term and may serve more than one (1) term.

Selection/Appointment: The members of the TAU Board shall be selected by the Elders from each of their respective Districts. Each District shall choose its member selection process.

You may Contact Gregory Blackcoon at 715-284-0811 for further information.

A Heartfelt Thanks

It is difficult to put into words the amount of gratitude I feel for everyone who participated in my benefit. I feel so very blessed to have amazing co-workers, family and such a supportive and caring tribal community. The prayers, well-wishes and positivity from the event definitely have given me strength and have already helped me in the healing process tremendously. Thank you for all the support and being amazing wonderful people.



*Sincerely,
Angela Carrimon
"Corienga"*

Notice of HHCD

Monthly Meeting

January 22, 2015

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency
(HUD Housing)

HHCD Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Karena Thundercloud, Colin Carrimon, Francis Decorah, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Terrence Johnson, Cheri Byhre, and John Dall

Will meet on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at 5:00 PM, at the HHCD Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Thursday, January 14, 2015 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor : C.N.C, DOB 10/12/2013
Case Nos.: PA 14-03

TO THE NATURAL MOTHER, POTENTIAL FATHER, GUARDIAN, HO-CHUNK NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY, OR ADULT CHILD WHOSE PATERNITY WAS NEVER ESTABLISHED: David O. Cleveland

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this paternity action. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for Paternity* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of the second publication to respond to the *Petition for Paternity*, failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation. An *Answer* (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below. The Court shall convene a *Paternity Hearing* in accordance with HOCĀK NATION CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE 4 HCC § 7.19.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **8:30am** on the **13th** day of **January 2014** for the following purpose: **Paternity Hearing**. Pursuant to HOCĀK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial. You have additionally been provided a "Notice to Respondent" that sets forth your right and defenses and provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:


NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.
SUBPOENAS: "THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT." THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

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1918-2014

Rhoda Marie Rave



The family wishes to thank all of those that assisted and helped at the time of her passing. Thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation, Mann John, Samson Falcon, Gary Hall, Matt Mann, and all those that assisted with evening devotions.

Thank you to Andrea Rave, Heather Green, Barbie Rave, and Jamison Harrison for all of your kind assistance. Thank you to Elena Blackdeer and Michelle Greendeer Rave for her beautiful moccasins and dress. Thank you to Rosanne Mann and those that helped you with the food preparation and cleanup. Thank you to the pallbearers, Chief Clayton Winneshiek, and those that assisted you at the grave site.

Special thanks to Robyn Two Crow and daughters, Justin Makes Him First and Kelsey Harrison, for helping every day with Rhoda's needs, along with the Ho-Chunk Nation Caregivers.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to each one that came by to show their love, honor, and respect. Those that offered prayers, donations, cards of sympathy and condolences, and flowers.

Wa'ianąpwi
Your Works Glorified Our Creator

2015 SEASON

District One Community Center

3 on 3 Basketball League

The 2015 Season for 3 on 3 Basketball is here!

Date:
Monday, February 9, 2015

Time: 6:00pm

District One Community Center Gym

Games will be held every Monday starting February 9, 2015.

Teams must submit their rosters by Friday, February 2, 2015.

Sign up as a team or an individual.


Season will be determined on how many teams are participating.

All players must be 18 years old and graduated from High School.

Roster Forms are available at the District One Community Center!

We're Looking forward to another exciting season!

See you on the court!



Contact Melissa or Levi at 715-284-0905

No drugs or alcohol on Premises. If you are under the influence you will be asked to leave and will forfeit of game.
No Child Care is provide, please plan accordingly

Participants celebrate the holidays and the Urban Rural Women’s Grant

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

On December 11, the Urban Rural Women’s Group held their Christmas party at Tomah’s Cranberry Country Lodge. The group not only celebrated the holiday season, but also celebrated the program and the participants who have been working toward reaching their goals.

The party was made possible through the efforts and several organizational meetings by the Urban Rural Women’s Grant staff including: Sharon Thompson, Program Coordinator Black River Falls; Whitney Smith, Care Coordinator Black River

Falls; Irene Fruit and Theresa Day, Care Coordinators Wisconsin Dells; and Bonnie Smith, Care Coordinator Nekoosa.

“I always enjoy the dynamics of the program participants when they come together for this kind of event. They grow and learn from their time together,” said Whitney Smith. “Having this event was our hope to provide a stress free day for our ladies that have been working diligently to meet their goals.”

Ruth Garvin, Program Manager Division of Behavioral Health Black River Falls, was the first presenter and spoke about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD.)

Garvin described FASD and gave a quiz as a teaching tool and to create audience participation. Many of the quiz questions had to do with statistics and detailed information for participants.

The next presenter Myrna Thompson, Cultural Liaison and Social Worker, spoke about the services Clan Mothers provide for tribal members and their children.



Tanya Hindsley and her son 8 week old son, King Bear get ready to pick out a Christmas gift.



Care Coordinator, Bonnie Smith talks about the importance of the Urban Rural Women’s Grant and how it has evolved since it started 3 years ago.



Irene Fruit, Care Coordinator of Wisconsin Dells, speaks to the participants and staff members at the Urban Rural Women’s group Christmas party held at the Cranberry Country Lodge.

She described the cultural lessons and support the Clan Mothers offer.

“The Urban Rural Women’s Grant serves 14 counties. The all female steering committee, looks at what we can do to assist the women in the program,” said Bonnie Smith.

“I didn’t realize there are homeless Ho-Chunk people; then we see applications come rolling in. This grant has been around for 3 years and helps stop this from happening.”

Smith talked about how the program has evolved since its beginning as a pilot project in the Wisconsin Dells area. She said offices for grant services have opened in Black River

Falls, Nekoosa, Wausau and Wittenberg and they have accomplished a lot.

“Once the funding ends, hopefully the Ho-Chunk Nation will recognize the importance of the program. We may need to locate other resources that are available such as the University of Wisconsin Extension and United Way,” said Smith.

Following the speakers and staff members’ discussions, ticket drawings were made for the placemats and flower arrangements from the event tables.

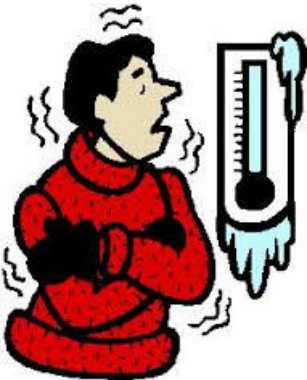
Whitney Smith announced the winning tickets and re-

minded the participants this is the last event for the year.

“We had a good turnout for the event, I love seeing all of the participants in one place, conversing about their journeys and providing hope and support to each other,” said Smith.

“We will help you get through issues you may have and continually be part of the referral for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA,) at the Behavioral Health Clinic,” said Program Coordinator, Sharon Thompson.

The Propane Assistance Loan is back...just in time



The Propane Assistance Loan is now available. Ho-Chunk Tribal members needing propane can request an application. There is a \$50 processing fee. Last year First Nations Community Financial was able to serve over 40 Ho-Chunk families throughout Wisconsin in one of the coldest winters of all time. Let us help you.

Contact the office for an application at (715) 284-2470
Email: fncf@ho-chunk.com
206 S. Roosevelt Rd, Suite 123. Black River Falls, WI 54615



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